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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: VISITS INVOLVING AFGHANISTAN PROGRAM

REF: A) KABUL 2543; B) KABUL 2770

1. MISSION LAST WEEK (APRIL 25-29) RECEIVED SEPARATE VISITS BY
MICHAEL DEMETRE, AID OFFICER ASSIGNED TO ASSIST UNFDAC ONPROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT, AND CHARLES O'KEEFFE, WHITE HOUSE ASSISTANT. BOTH VISITS
PROVED PRODUCTIVE IN ALERTING UN DRUG CONTROL OFFICIALS TO CURRENT
STATUS AFGHANOPIUM PROBLEMS ANDIMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO THEIR
RESOLUTION.

2. DEMETRE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS CONCEPT OF HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT
WITH HARVEY WELLMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC, AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS
ON AFGHAN PROBLEMS WITH GALE DAY, DND PROJECT OFFICER FOR AFGHANISTAN

,
AND MICHAEL DAVIES, INCB SECRETARIAT. LATTER WILL ACCOMPANY
DEMETRE ON HIS RETURN VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN LATE JUNE OR EARLY
JULY. DEMETRE MENTIONED NECESSITY FOR AGRONOMIST TO ALSO ACCOMPANY
AND SUGGESTED THAT HE KNEW NORWEGIAN AGRONOMIST APPROPRIATE FOR THE
TASK. MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CHECK HIS AVAILA-
BILITY, PERHAPS BY INFORMAL SOUNDINGS BY DEMETRE, TO AVOID
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PREPONDERANCE OF AMERICANS ON THIS TEAM.

3. O'KEEFFE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH UN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN
AFGHAN PROGRAM, HIGHLIGHTING US CONCERNS RE SOUTH ASIA BECOMING
DANGEROUS SOURCE OF ILLEGAL OPIATES FOR US AND ESTERN EUROPE
AS SITUATIONS IN MEXICO AND SOUTHEAST ASIA BEGIN TO PROVIDE
SOME HOPES FOR IMPROVEMENT. O'KEEFFE MENTIONED TO UNFDAC

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEBEUS CONCEPT OF MIXED US/GOA/UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS COOPERATION DESCRIBED REFTELS. DEBEUS RECOGNIZED NECESSITY FOR INTERNAL AFGHAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS, BUT WAS APPREHENSIVE THAT A MIXED COMMISSION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED MIGHT PROVIDE MEANS FOR AFGHAN ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE UN PROGRAM.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH O' KEEFFE, MISSION OFFICERS IDENTIFIED THREE AREAS WHERE THEY BELIEVED ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPOSED COMMISSION IN NEAR FUTURE COULD CREATE PROBLEMS: FIRST, IN PROVIDING AN ILLUSION OF PROGRESS BY MEANS OF A PROCEDURAL DEVICE, WHICH AFGHANS COULD USE TO COVER LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN ELIMINATING OPIUM CULTIVATION; SECOND, BY INVOLVING THE US PROMINENTLY IN THE AFGHAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM, MAJOR PARTS OF WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE FUNDED BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER DONOR NATIONS; AND THIRD, BY CREATING AN ORGAN WHICH WOULD POSSIBLY OBSTRUCT OR DELAY ACTIVITIES OF OFFICER RECENTLY DESIGNATED TO PREPARE PROJECTS FOR AFGHANISTAN. CONSEQUENTLY, MISSION RECOMMENDS US CONSIDER DEFERRING ITS PROMOTION OF COMMISSION CONCEPT UNTIL DIFFICULTIES NOTED ABOVE ARE RESOLVED. SORENSON

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